Issue of special entry permit to foreigners visiting NE region

857. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Willi the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still any threat from neighbouring countries for which Special Entery Permits are to be taken by the foreigners visiting North Eastern region;

(b) whether the same threat prevails on the Western Front of the country also;

(c) whether the foreigners visiting the States of North-West India are also to take Special Entry Permits; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for such discrepancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND[1] PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Some of the areas in the North Eastern States as well as North Western States have been declared as restricted areas under the Foreigners' (Resitricted Areas) Order, 1963 and Protected areas under the Foreigners (Protected areas) Order 1958, due to various circumstances including general law and order, climate proximity to the Liter national border, sensitivity of the areas etc. Such areas are not declared as Restricted or Protected because of any threat from the neighbouring countries. Foreigners cannot enter these areas without obtaining necessary permits.

(d) The question does not arise.

Floating of a bearer bond in pound sterling for non-resident Indians

858. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is exploring the possibility of floating a bearer bond in pound sterling exclusively for the Non-Resident Indians; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Integration of EEC. into a single market

859. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the likely impact of the proposed integration of ECC into a single market by 1992 and implications thereof on India's exports to the EEC and what measures are contemplated to meet the situation; and

(b) what had been the trade deficit with EEC during the last three years, year-wise and what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Completion of the proposed integration of EEC into a single market by 1992

involves adoption of a number of measures aimed at abolition of existing barriers to free circulation of goods, services, people and capital within the Community. Since most of the measures are yet to be adopted by the EEC, exact impact of these on India's exports to the EEC cannot be gauged accurately.

(b) As per figures available from DGCI&S, the trade deficit with EEC during the last three years has been as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (Prov.)
India's exports to EEC	1928-57	2803.71	3954.94
India's imports from EEC	;5233.72	6541.53	7430.63
Trade Deficit.....	3305.15	3737 82	3475.69

The main reason for the trade deficit is that EEC has been a source of essential commodities as well as other critical items like iron & steel products, sugar, fertilizers petroleum products, machinery, etc.

Stoppage of recruitment in the Indian Economic Service

860. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEEN A VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Indian Economic Service was created and what is its present strength and whether further recruitment has been stopped; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any cadre review has been carried out since the inception of the service, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and what are the promotional avenues for these officers; and

(c) what was the purpose of creating this cadre and how far this has been fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Indian Economic Service (IES) was constituted in 1961. At present, its actual strength is 559. Recruitment to Service has been deferred owing to the stagnation [delay in promotion for direct recruits after the implementation of Supreme Court judgement in case No. 1595179 decided in February, 1986.

(b) Several measuress have been taken to improve promotion prospects in the service. Amongst the significant measures are upgradation of posts from Grade III level to Grade I level, merger of Grade I and Grade II levels by upgradation of the latter, strengthening of middle and top level by encadrement of additional poss, and decision to encadre posts above Junior Administrative Grade level. Proposal to restructure the cadre by further augmentation of middle and top levels has also been considered by the Indian Economic Service bo ard.

(c) The Service was constituted with the objective of having a cadre of officers who could collect, collate and disseminate information and tender advice on economic matters. Members of the service are perform-ing these tasks.